

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – **CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 4.2**  
Eastern Division

Rebecca Francescatti

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:11-cv-05270

Stefani Joanne Germanotta, et al.

Honorable Blanche M. Manning

Defendant.

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**NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY**

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Friday, November 4, 2011:

MINUTE entry before Honorable Jeffrey T. Gilbert: Hearing held on Defendants' request in the Initial Joint Status Report [34] that the Court bifurcate discovery concerning liability and damages. For the reasons stated in open court, Defendants#039; request is denied. The parties shall meet and confer pursuant to Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and submit a proposed discovery plan on or before 11/21/11. As discussed in court this morning, the discovery plan should provide for the sequencing or staging of written and oral discovery, with fact and expert discovery concerning liability generally to proceed before full-blown damages discovery, except that that parties may serve and respond to written discovery concerning damages in the initial phase of written discovery. To the extent that a party objects to responding to or producing information in response to written discovery concerning damages, however, the Court will deal with any such objections in context at that time, with the background provided by this mornings hearing and the parties respective pre-hearing submissions on the bifurcation issue. In the event that all matters concerning the proposed discovery plan are not agreed, the parties shall outline the nature of their disagreement(s) in their joint filing (i.e., stating Plaintiffs position and Defendant(s)' position(s)). Rule 16 conference for the purpose of entering a discovery timetable is set for 11/30/11 at 2:00 p.m. Mailed notice(ep, )

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